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ENVIRONMENTAL UPKEEP OF NCR
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ASSOCHAM has submitted a detailed paper to the Ministry outlining the need for keeping the National Capital Region (NCR) environmentally clean in view of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in 2010, and

(b) if so, the steps that the Government proposes to take to ensure that the NCR remains environment-friendly?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b)The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) of India came out with a forecast paper on `Aftermath of commonwealth games 2010` and a paper entitled `set up CNG stations in NCR`. It also brought out a press statement on `Solid waste management and its disposal` recently.

The forecast paper has projected that the Commonwealth event is likely to provide, opportunities in various sectors, possible medical and eco tourism and highlights the initiatives in construction /upgradation of Games villages, flyovers, roads etc. The ASSOCHAM analysis suggests that a multi-pronged strategy be evolved for more CNG stations and wider distribution of CNG in Delhi and NCR.

The paper on `Solid waste management and its disposal` emphasizes the need for a National Waste Policy, highlights Kerala state special purpose vehicle which integrates 60 municipalities to generate power from solid waste and the need to commit resources, involve the community and private entrepreneurs to work with the local government for proper management of solid waste.

A set of rules entitled Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 has been notified by the Ministry under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to ensure proper collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste generated in the country.